

WYCOMBE HIT BACK TO WIN

Wycombe 3 Woking 1

WITH three of their star forwards unfit, Wycombe managed to produce enough reserve talent to beat Woking convincingly.

After the early shock of a Woking opening goal in the first five minutes, when Dowse took advantage of a defensive slip, Wycombe equalised within five minutes through Horseman and improved steadily as the game progressed.

Although Woking were always dangerous Wycombe combined better between halves and forwards. Peter James, normally a centre forward, did well in a new role on the right wing testing Woking's capable goalkeeper Farris with some powerful drives.

And new centre-forward Jimmy Hay, making his first senior appearance on his 21st birthday, showed marked promise—despite the close attention of Woking's centre-half Turner.

The wily Mortimore inspired some brisk counter attacks by the determined Woking forwards but they found the Wycombe defence in excellent form.

Wycombe deservedly took the lead nine minutes after the interval when Horseman surprised Farris with a long-range drive. Farris made several smart saves, notably from Hyde and Horseman, before Hay grabbed Wycombe's third five minutes before the end.

21st-birthday goal for Wycombe's debut forward

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE WANDS 3 : WOKING 1

WYCOMBE Wanderers' new centre forward, Jimmy Hay, making his first senior appearance on his 21st birthday, scored the third goal in the Isthmian League win over Woking today. Woking scored first, but Wycombe, with two Horseman goals, soon hit back.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Lewis; Thomas, Fisher, Gale; James, Blair, Hay, Horseman, Hide.

Woking: Harris; Stansbie, Hiron; Collingwood, Turner, Haider; Newman, Mortimer, Upton, Dowse, Williams.

Referee: E. W. Ruck (St. Albans)

Off to a brisk start, Wycombe went near when Hyde headed across the goal in the first few minutes.

But five minutes later a defensive error allowed the Woking centre forward, Upton, to forge through the middle and slip a pass to DOWSE, who put the visitors ahead with a goal which took the home defence completely by surprise.

Wycombe retaliated and within five minutes HORSEMAN equalised from a header by James, after the goalkeeper had smothered his first shot.

A little later, as Wycombe set the pace, James almost hooked the ball in from a pass by Hay, and in a Woking counter-attack Lewis saved the Wanderers by whipping the ball off the feet of left winger Williams.

James was prominent in several Wycombe raids on the right wing, notably with two headers.

Wycombe combined better among the halves and forwards, but Woking, shooting at goal at every opportunity, always looked dangerous and Brown made several good saves.

The best shot of the half, however, came from James, with a right wing scorch which Harris did well to turn

over the bar.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Woking 1.

A brilliant shot by Horseman, skidding just over the bar, enlivened Wycombe's boisterous start to the second half and a few minutes later Harris saved Woking by throwing himself at the foot of James to block a powerful shot as the winger dashed in.

It was certainly no more than Wycombe deserved when, ten minutes after the resumption, HORSEMAN seized on a loose ball and beat Harris with a long range shot.

Hyde deserved better luck with a shot which sped across the goalmouth and then Harris made a spectacular save from another great shot by Horseman before HAY, five minutes from the end, sealed Wycombe's victory with a header from Blair.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3
WOKING 1